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Date: 28 September 1988
Subject: POLREP #8 - Removal Action
Location: Site #95
West bank of the Merrimack River
Nashua, New Hampshire

Pollutant: Asbestos
Occurrence Date: 1960's
Environmental Media affected: Land, water, air
Severity: Potentially - Major
Quantity Discharged: Unknown
Category: Major
Source: Dumping of asbestos waste
materials by John-Manville

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Latest POLREP: POLREP 8 - February 02, 1988

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I. Background:

The West bank asbestos waste site is situated in Nashua, New Hampshire, along the Merrimack River. Tax map reference # 24, lot #18. The site is located downstream and next to the Taylor's Fall Bridge on 101a. The site sits south of the bridge at the end of Hollis Street and Crown Street. The property is owned by the city of Nashua, and is utilized by the US Army Corps of Engineers as a flood control dike area. The site is made up of an estimated 25 foot slope extending approximately 1,000 feet. Asbestos plate board, intermixed with baghouse waste are fully and partially exposed from below the waterline to the top edge of the slope.

HISTORY:

- Mar 13, 1987 - ASTDR Health Assessment issued.
- Mar 17, 1987 - Notice letters sent to property owners.
- Mar 23, 1987 - Action Memorandum obligating \$650,000.
- Mar 30, 1987 - Draft IAG with U.S. ACE submitted for review.
- May 01, 1987 - IAG submitted and approved by U.S. ACE.
DW 96-932482-01-0 (4/1/87-6/1/88)
- Jun 12, 1987 - Preliminary conceptual design completed.
- Jun 16, 1987 - OSC meets with state of New Hampshire
officials to review conceptual plans.
- Jun 24, 1987 - OSC presents conceptual plans for city
review.
- Jun 25, 1987 - OSC submits comments to US ACE for final
plans.
- Jul 05, 1987 - OSC meets conducts informational meeting with
area residents.

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- Jul 14, 1987 - meeting between the US EPA and US ACE to review plans for 95% completion of design & specifications.
- Jul 31, 1987 - US ACE to commence soliciting bids for contractors.
- Sep 02, 1987 - Contractor bids due.

As a consequence of the cost of the first bids recieved, which were substantially above the US ACE estimates and the US EPA funding, as well as the low number of bidders participating. No contracts were awarded for asbestos abatement work at that time.

After the failure of the first bid procedure, The US EPA in consultation with the US ACE, decided to extend the IAGs completion date from December 1987 to September 1988, resolicit and rebid the three asbestos abatement projects and award a contract for the asbestos abatement work in the early spring of 1988. The US ACE reconstituted the bid packages to interested contractors on April 5, 1988.

The results of the bid opening were that four contractors submitted bids on the project; however, two of the contractors were disqualified due to noncompliance with the US ACE bidding procedures. Of the two qualified bids, the lowest bid to perform the asbestos abatement work on the sites was twice the obligated budget for these projects. To award the contract, the US ACE requires the bid amount plus five percent, which requires an additional \$757,200 to be obligated by the US EPA into the IAGs.

Due to budget restraints, the US EPA Region I Removal Program at that time did not have the funding resources to contribute this additional money to the IAGs in order to enable the US ACE to award a contract for these project.

II. Action

- 09/15/88 - Action Memorandum ceiling increase request for \$100,000 signed by Regional Administrator.
- 09/16/88 - Amendenment -02 IAG with the US ACE signed, extending the project/budget period ending 8/30/89 and an increase in funding.
(DW96-932480-01-2)
- 09/23/88 - OSC met with city of Nashua officials to discuss the citys willingness to accept at no cost any removed asbestos waste during the asbestos removal, at its sanitary landfill which is state approved for asbestos disposal.

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III. Future

- 09/27/88 - The OSC is awaiting final letter from the city of Nashua for specifications for the acceptance of asbestos at the city owned landfill.
- 09/27/88 - The US ACE is awaiting the specification letter to be included in the new bid package, regarding disposal at the city of Nashua landfill.

IV. Funding Status

US EPA obligated an additional \$100,000 to this site, increasing the TOTAL PROJECT CEILING to \$750,000.

Financial Data:

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Control Number	Account Number	Dollar Amount	cost allocation
Z30006	7QfA1ANE95	\$507,000	US ACE
ER0028	8TfA1ANE95	\$100,000	US ACE
		\$103,000	TAT
		\$ 40,000	Intramural
TOTAL PROJECT CEILING		\$750,000	

CASE PENDS:

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